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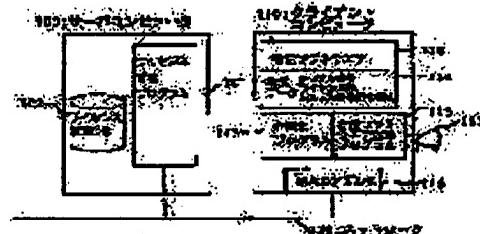
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### (54) SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING LICENSE OF NON GRATUITOUS SOFTWARE

#### (57)Abstract:

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To cope with plural machine types and to detect the illegal copy of a introduction medium of chargeable software by comparing a system number included in chargeable data with a MAC address of a computer to verify and starting a requested chargeable software when data that can be started are received from a server computer.

**SOLUTION:** A chargeable software start program 115 reads chargeable data 114 from chargeable software that is a start object and reads a MAC address 116 of a computer by which the program 115 is carried out. The coincidence of a system number of the data 114 and the address 116 of the computer is checked. When return data from a license management program 101 shows start permission, the program 115 starts the chargeable software. This prevents the software from being illegally operated on other computers.



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